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STANDARDIZATION OF IMPORT PROCEDURES

REF: (A) OECD PARIS 31033; (B) 32526

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1. WASHINGTON AGENCIES HAVE REVIEWED DOCUMENTS CONCERNING

COUNCIL'S RECOMMENDATION ON SIMPLIFICATION AND STANDARDIZATION OF IMPORT PROCEDURES (TD/6195 AND TFD/TD/885). WE CONCUR THAT COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE IN PARAGRAPH 1 OF COUNCIL INSTRUCTION TO TRADE COMMITTEE COULD BE USED TO TAKE CARE OF CONCRETE PROBLEMS. IF THERE IS STRONG SUPPORT, WE WOULD NOT OPPOSE TCWP BROAD-BASED EXAMINATION OF IMPORT PROCEDURES. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THIS UNNECESSARY SINCE MTN SUBGROUP IS ALREADY SEIZED WITH PROBLEM. FURTHER, IF SUCH PROCEDURES NEED ELABORATION, WE STRONGLY BELIEVE THIS SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN MTN. ACCORDINGLY, US REP SHOULD SUPPORT POSITION OF UK AS DESCRIBED REF A.

2. BACKGROUND ON MTN WORK FOLLOWS:

A. SUBGROUP ON QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS AND RELATED

ISSUES IS CONSIDERING DRAFT TEXTS BOTH ON AUTOMATIC LICENSING AND ON LICENSING PROCEDURES TO ADMINISTER QUOTAS. PROVISIONS IN THESE TEXTS ARE SIMILAR TO THOSE OF COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION IN THAT THEY DEAL WITH SYSTEMS ALREADY IN PLACE RATHER THAN EMERGENCY OR NEWLY-ESTABLISHED SYSTEMS SUCH AS AUSTRALIAN THAT OCCASIONED TRADE COMMITTEE'S REQUEST FOR WP REVIEW. NEITHER TEXT IS FULLY AGREED AND PROPOSALS ARE STILL BEING SUBMITTED FOR THEIR MODIFICATION.

B. SUBGROUP'S TEXT ON AUTOMATIC LICENSING CONTAINS RULES INTENDED TO ENSURE THAT SUCH LICENSING IS NOT OPERATED IN RESTRICTIVE MANNER. AN UNSETTLED ISSUE IS WHETHER AUTOMATIC LICENSING SHOULD BE ELIMINATED AND ABOVE RULES APPLIED ONLY DURING INTERIM WHILE MORE APPROPRIATE ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROLS ARE DEVISED (AS URGED BY US) OR WHETHER AUTOMATIC LICENSING SHOULD BE PERMITTED SUBJECT TO THESE RULES. SOME RULES ARE SIMILAR TO THOSE CONTAINED IN OECD STANDARD PROCEDURES (ANNEX I TFD/TD/885). THERE ARE SOME ADDITIONAL ONES AS WELL.

C. SUBGROUP'S TEXT ON LICENSING TO ADMINISTER QUOTAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PICKS UP SUBSTANCE OF RELEVANT PROVISIONS FROM OECD STANDARD PROCEDURES AND ADDS OTHERS. ROBINSON

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